

**I. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 2, please replace original paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

**[0001]** This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. section 119(e) from co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/501,944, filed September 11, 2003, naming Travis Raymond Piehl as inventor, and titled "PROPORTIONAL DIRECTIONAL CONTROL VALVE WITH A MAGNETIC POSITIONING SENSOR".